

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed on July 16, 2004. Claims 13 and 17-38 remain pending. Through this response, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-12. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication in the Advisory Action mailed on September 29, 2004 that claims 13 and 17-38 are allowed. In that it is believed that every rejection has been overcome, it is submitted that each of the claims that remains in the case is presently in condition for allowance.

II. Cancelled Claims

The Advisory Action states that Applicant must cancel withdrawn claims 1-12 or take other appropriate action. As identified above, claims 1-12 have been cancelled from the application through this response without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to present these cancelled claim, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 13 and 17-38 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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